## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-232-W - ORDER NO. 96-786

NOVEMBER 14, 1996

ORDER

Complainant,

vs.

Carolina Water Service, Inc.,

Respondent.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") upon consideration of the Complaint of Concerned Citizens Against Carolina Water, Inc. ("CCACW") against Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS"). The Commission held a hearing on this matter on September 25, 1996.

At this time, the Commission will defer final disposition of this matter until after the hearing concerning CWS that is scheduled to begin November 6, 1996. All matters will then be considered at one time. That is, we shall consider Docket Nos. 96-232-W, 96-235-W/S, and 96-259-W/S concurrently.

Additionally, we grant to CCACW, the Commission Staff

("Staff") and the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina

(the "Consumer Advocate") time to file response comments in this

docket. All parties filed initial closing comments as allowed by this Commission. CWS then filed additional reply comments to the initial comments. We feel that all parties should be allowed sufficient opportunity to respond equally. We will therefore accept reply comments from Staff, the Consumer Advocate, and CCACW before our final consideration of these matters.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

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